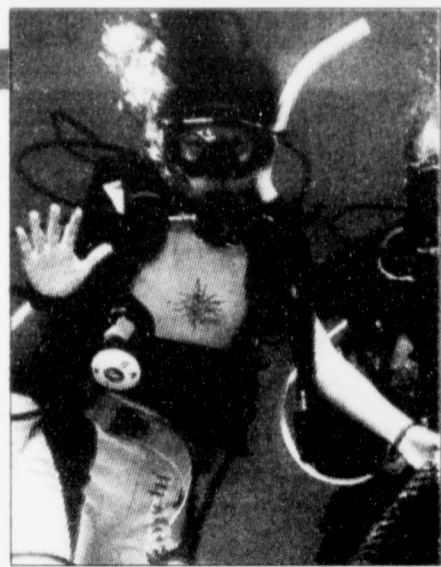


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## DAILY

## CSU cited for violations in negotiations

**By Rob Cassel**

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Negotiations between the California Faculty Association (CFA) and the California State University system are at an impasse once again.

The California Public Employees Relations Board has cited the CSU administration for violations during negotiations and required members to defend their actions in a meeting between all three associations.

The meeting will take place as the CSU and CFA attempt to reach an agreement on a contract for 2001-04 by the July 1 deadline. If the two sides can't reach an agreement on deadline, negotiations will be turned over to a neutral mediator. If a contract still can't be finalized, a neutral fact-finding commission will be appointed, marking the final hope for an agreement.

Negotiation problems are nothing new for the CSU system and CFA. Negotiations for the 1998-2001 contract as well as the 2000-01 reopener ended in unilateral decisions by the top CSU official, Chancellor Charles Reed. A unilateral decision occurs when the chancellor decides there is no hope for an agreement and imposes the contract he sees fit.

Cal Poly history professor Manzar Foroohar, who is on the negotiating team for the CFA, said one of the main problems is Chancellor Reed's desire to limit the length of faculty contracts.

When Reed began his term as chancellor, he wanted to give more three- to five-year contracts to create what he terms a more flexible faculty, Foroohar said.

"He has very close ties to private companies and feels the best way to run the state education system is like a major corporation," she said. "What makes his attitude hard to deal with is the fact that teachers care about students and are very weary about taking severe bargaining measures, such as strikes, because it won't just hurt the chancellor, it will hurt students."

Reed responded to alleged negotiation violations during a recent conference call, saying the CFA is not communicating effectively.

"When the CFA can't get what it wants, they wrap it up in a different set of clothes," he said. "Some people are just unhappy people. They've never talked to me about these issues. Bargaining is a very complicated process. They put a spin on it."

At the core of the bitter negotiations is the merit increase program. While 60 percent of the money for faculty salary increases is set aside for across-the-board increases, 40 percent is allocated to a merit system.

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## Hoops on a different level



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From left, environmental engineering freshman Keith Corcoran, electrical engineering sophomore Everett Monroe and civil engineering freshman Derek Kurtti play a round of wheelchair basketball for Disability Awareness Day in the University Union Thursday.

## 5K run aims to remember victims' lives

**By Michelle Hatfield**

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although many people are still recuperating from the Wildflower Triathlon, there are still more races to run.

The second annual Run to Remember is one such race and goes beyond mere competition. The memorial 5K run/walk will be held Saturday morning at Laguna Lake Park.

The goal of the event is to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence as well as to remember the lives of students Aundria Crawford, Rachel Newhouse and Kristin Smart.

Business seniors Danielle Davidson and Melissa Haave coordinated the run/walk as their senior project. Both feel that the event is important to keep the memories of the three women alive.

"We thought it was really a worthwhile cause to carry on," Davidson said. "It's good to continue the tradition and not let the community forget about them."

Haave said she felt personally affected by the disappearance of all three women.

"I remember when the girls (Crawford and Newhouse) disappeared ... I was living with four girls at the time," Haave said. "I was at Tortilla Flats when Rachel disappeared. It's affected me a lot. It's definitely changed my attitude about being alone."

The run is being called a fun run because Davidson and Haave wanted everyone, including non-athletes, to feel included.

"We wanted anyone to feel like they could participate," Davidson said. "They are out there because they knew them (Crawford, Newhouse and Smart) and want to remember them."

The fee for participating in the 5K, or 3.1-mile, run/walk is \$12 for pre-registration and \$15 for on-site registration. Proceeds will benefit the REMEMBER committee and the Rachel Newhouse Memorial Endowment. The run/walk will begin at 9:45 a.m. Saturday.

Davidson said because everyone gets a T-shirt, the event is relying on sponsorships and donations to cover expenses like food and refreshments. She said the Bagel Cafe donated more than eight dozen bagels, and Culligan Water donated 12 cases of water. In addition to these donations, several local fraternities are giving \$50 each to the event.

Prizes in the forms of gift certificates and gift baskets will be awarded to the top three winners of the

## CSU may get budget increase

**By Dena Horton**

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What would a Cal Poly student do with \$3.4 billion?

For most students, this is a question that will never have to be answered.

Gov. Gray Davis and the California State legislature are being asked what they would do with the \$3.4 billion budgeted for the California State University system.

With the June signing date approaching, Davis' May revision proposes a 9 percent increase in the CSU budget. This translates to a \$233.4 million increase in the funds allocated to the system. This addi-

tional money will be spread between 23 campuses in the state system, as well as six off-campus centers, according to a press release from Chancellor Charles Reed.

Although this may sound like a lot of money, the costs of running a campus are increasing with utility bills, said Rick Ramirez, associate vice president of finance.

"About \$34 million was added by the governor for the natural gas costs, our utility costs," Ramirez said. "This is positive, but it's negative that the state has to redirect

scarce money to utility costs. But we'd have to bear the costs anyway and cut the budget internally to pay the bills."

*"We're happy that the governor provided full funding for enrollment."*

**Ken Swisher**  
CSU media relations manager

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## TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 5:56 a.m. / Set: 8:03 p.m.

## TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 3:42 a.m. / Set: 3:45 p.m.

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## MONDAY

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race. Haave said businesses such as Trader Joe's and Nucci's Restaurant donated some of the prizes.

The first run/walk was planned last year by a friend of Newhouse. Last year's event followed the downtown route that Newhouse would take when she ran, Haave said. Because of complications, Haave said the event had to be moved to Laguna Lake Park.

After weeks of organizing the run/walk, Davidson said there is a lot of interest in participating.

"People want to go run the 5K - girls almost feel they have to," she said. "It's something people want to support. People want to make sure this doesn't happen again."

The event drew an estimated 150 participants last year, Davidson said. Haave and Davidson hope to meet that number this year.

Davidson said she's encouraging people to go out and run or walk in this event because no one should ever forget these three college students.

"It's very important just for the average Cal Poly woman not to forget," she said. "People need to remember the consequences. Events like this remind people."

Haave said the run/walk is especially important for freshmen women. She said some of the freshmen females do not know how much the disappearances impacted the community.

Pre-registration forms can be obtained at the Cal Poly Women's Center or online at <http://remember.calpoly.edu/run/index/htm>. On-site registration starts at 8:45 a.m. Saturday before the run/walk. For more information, call 788-0159 or visit <http://remember.calpoly.edu/run/index/htm>.

# Bush plan predicts more blackouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush braced Americans on Thursday for a summer of blackouts, layoffs, business closings and skyrocketing fuel costs and warned of "a darker future" without his aggressive plans to drill for more oil and gas and rejuvenate nuclear power.

"If we fail to act, Americans will face more and more widespread blackouts. If we fail to act, our country will become more reliant on foreign crude oil, putting our national energy security into the hands of foreign nations," the president said in releasing a 163-page energy task force report in St. Paul, Minn.

Seeking to dampen demand for fossil fuels and to appeal to conservation-minded citizens, Bush also offered tax incentives for people using alternative energy sources such as solar and wind power.

"If we fail to act, this great country could face a darker future," he said.

Democrats and environmental groups raised a chorus of objections, promising a pitched battle over Bush's regulatory and legislative initiative.

"It focuses on drilling and production at the expense of our environment and conservation," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "And it does nothing to help people who need relief right now."

Even Republican lawmakers acknowledged the plan was filled with provisions that would be hard for some of their constituents to swallow. "Everybody understands there are a lot

of ... problems out there," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Bush, on the road in the Midwest, was hoping to build support for long-term solutions while many people are complaining about short-term energy woes.

California Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, accused Bush of turning a blind eye to the state and tied the former Texas governor to the oil industry. "We are literally in a war with energy companies, many of which reside in Texas," Davis said.

Of the dozens of recommendations stuffed between the report's glossy, blue covers, none offers immediate relief.

"Unfortunately," the report says, "there are no short-term solutions to long-term neglect."

In the report developed by Vice President Dick Cheney, Bush seeks to increase energy supplies by easing restrictions on oil and gas development on public lands, including a wildlife refuge in Alaska. He also will order agencies to expedite permits for energy-related projects.

Bush also wants to give the federal government power to seize private property for the use of transmission lines. That "eminent domain" initiative was greeted coolly by lawmakers, including some Republicans.

The report tables for further study some of the thorniest issues, such as fuel efficiency standards for automobiles and reusing spent nuclear reactor fuel.

"We must work to build a new har-

mony between our energy needs and our environmental concerns," Bush said. "The truth is, energy production and environmental protection are not competing priorities."

Many Republicans are worried that they will be punished by voters in the 2002 congressional elections if Bush doesn't act quickly to bring down fuel costs.

Some GOP lawmakers, including allies like Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., are pushing for a reduction in the 18 cents-a-gallon federal gasoline tax over Bush's public objections.

They're worried about voters like retiree James McCorkle, who voiced doubts about an energy plan proposed by two former oilmen, Bush and Cheney.

"He should be trying to bring down the gas price," said the 75-year-old St. Louis resident.

"Doesn't Bush want to give us a tax break so we can turn even more money over to the oil companies?" said salesman Hank Rogers, 37, of Chicopee, Mass.

Recognizing the political risks, Bush and his advisers cast the nation's energy picture in the most dire terms to prepare Americans for any sacrifices they'll face this summer and the tough, long-term solutions Bush is proposing.

The report says U.S. reliance on foreign oil is growing and shortages will only get worse without major changes: Energy supplies in 2020 will be 50 percent below demand without importing more energy, increasing efficiency or

developing more domestic supplies.

To make the point, Bush punctuated five sentences with the refrain "If we fail to act" - predicting higher energy prices, more blackouts, a dangerous reliance on imported oil and environmental damage unless his agenda is adopted.

Breaking the bad news into regions, the report argues that energy shortages this summer will hurt Americans in almost every conceivable way.

Farmers in the Midwest will pay more for fertilizer.

Landlords in Illinois will charge more for rent.

Businesses are closing in Washington state. Employees are being laid off in Arkansas. Brownouts are a threat in Connecticut.

California is mentioned repeatedly, a measure of its political importance as well as the magnitude of its electricity shortages.

The report compares today's energy problems to the 1970s energy crisis, when fuel rationing and long lines at gasoline stations were the norm.

Former President Carter, politically damaged by the 1970s crisis, accused Bush in a Washington Post article of using scare tactics to promote drilling on federal lands and other "environmental atrocities."

Urging opponents to tone down their rhetoric, Bush said, "We've yelled at each other enough. Now it's time to listen to each other and to act."

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Until 1995, all 40 percent of the merit fund was supervised by the faculty for step increases.

To receive a step increase raise under the merit program, a faculty member applied for a salary increase. The raise had to first be approved by a board of faculty peers followed by

the dean and, finally, the president of the respective university. Any changes made on the faculty board's original decision could be appealed and settled, if necessary, by a neutral arbitrator.

The dispute between faculty and CSU administration over merit pay began in 1995 when the CSU introduced a change. A percentage of the merit funds was given to step increases while the remainder was given to a faculty merit increase program where

the dean and president were allowed to change faculty recommendations. The contract for 1998 through 2001 set these percentages at 12 percent for step increases and 28 percent for the faculty merit increases.

The faculty maintained that the new program gave them no legitimate appeals process if their recommendations were changed.

The CSU's current proposal is to eliminate step increases entirely for the 2001-04 contract.

"The problem with the new program is that the administration doesn't have to give us a reason for changing our original allocations," Foroohar said. "In one instance, the history department approved equal increases for all faculty and the result were raises ranging from \$600 for one teacher to \$2,400 for another. There were no reasons given to us."

The chancellor had no comment on the merit program.

## BUDGET

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won't be known how the increase will affect Cal Poly.

The budget proposal now includes a \$62.3 million increase for approximately 8,000 full-time students expected to enroll in the CSU system during the 2000/2001 school year, according to the press release.

A large disappointment to Cal Poly is the decrease in employee compensation, Ramirez said.

"We're happy that the governor provided full funding for enrollment," said Ken Swisher, Public Affairs officer from the office of the chancellor. "However, we're disappointed that he didn't approve the compensation for our faculty and staff at a level we had recommended."

In the governor's budget, compensation for faculty and staff was 4 percent. The trustees proposed an additional 2 percent, Ramirez said.

"Now it's cut back to 2 percent," he said. "That, obviously, will affect every system employee."

Other disappointments to the Cal Poly campus are the elimination of funding for the strategic work force initiative and the elimination of

funding for technology programs. The strategic work force initiative received one-time funding last year. Cal Poly was hoping it would become a permanent part of the budget.

"The strategic work force initiative is something that Cal Poly has been sponsoring and promoting for a long time," Ramirez said. "It was scaled down to \$15 million and now it's been completely eliminated. I'm hoping this is just a temporary setback and not completely wiped out forever."

For students, another important factor in the budget is the university fee "buy-out."

"The state comes up with extra funds so that the trustees don't have to raise the state university fund," Ramirez said. "There was a 4.5 percent increase in the fee and the governor's budget had the money to do the buy-out."

At this point, the state budget awaits approval by the legislature and governor. From the May revision, state campuses are yet to see detail on the budget showing what would go into effect if the budget were approved as it is, Ramirez said.

"State revenues are going to go down," Ramirez said. "We'll have to see how the legislature and governor negotiate out a budget."

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## Experience the wonders of Thailand

By F. Xavier Lanier II  
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Many consider Thailand the perfect place for those who want to visit a traveler's paradise filled with exotic foods, smiling faces and a beautiful culture. Even those on a tight budget can afford to enjoy a luxurious vacation thanks to ridiculously cheap accommodations, food and shopping.

While most Cal Poly students are slaving away over midterms and group projects, those who are part of the spring quarter Thai Study Program are having the trip of a lifetime by traveling to all four of the country's regions and emerging themselves in the culture.

"It's fun and a good way to end four years of college," said Chantee Salayphonh, a business senior who was born in northern Thailand and is visiting her home country for the first time since moving to the United States at 1 years old.

"The trip has helped me put faces and object to the stories I've heard growing up," she said. "It makes me wonder about how different it would have been if I grew up here instead of in California, and what path my life would have followed."

Thai people are proud of their distinct heritage and want to share it with foreigners.

"The culture is not the same as any other country's," said Nui Budseetada, a business and English sophomore at the Rajabhat Institute Udon Thani. "I want Americans to know Thai culture and share with them."

Besides observing the culture, there is always something to do regardless of individual interests.

"I was in a dirty city with 8 million people full of sex shows and traffic jams," said Adam Landers, speech communications senior. "The next day I was diving 100 feet underwater and swimming with whale sharks."

While the sights and smells can overwhelm visitors with joy, most Americans will experience some degree of culture shock.

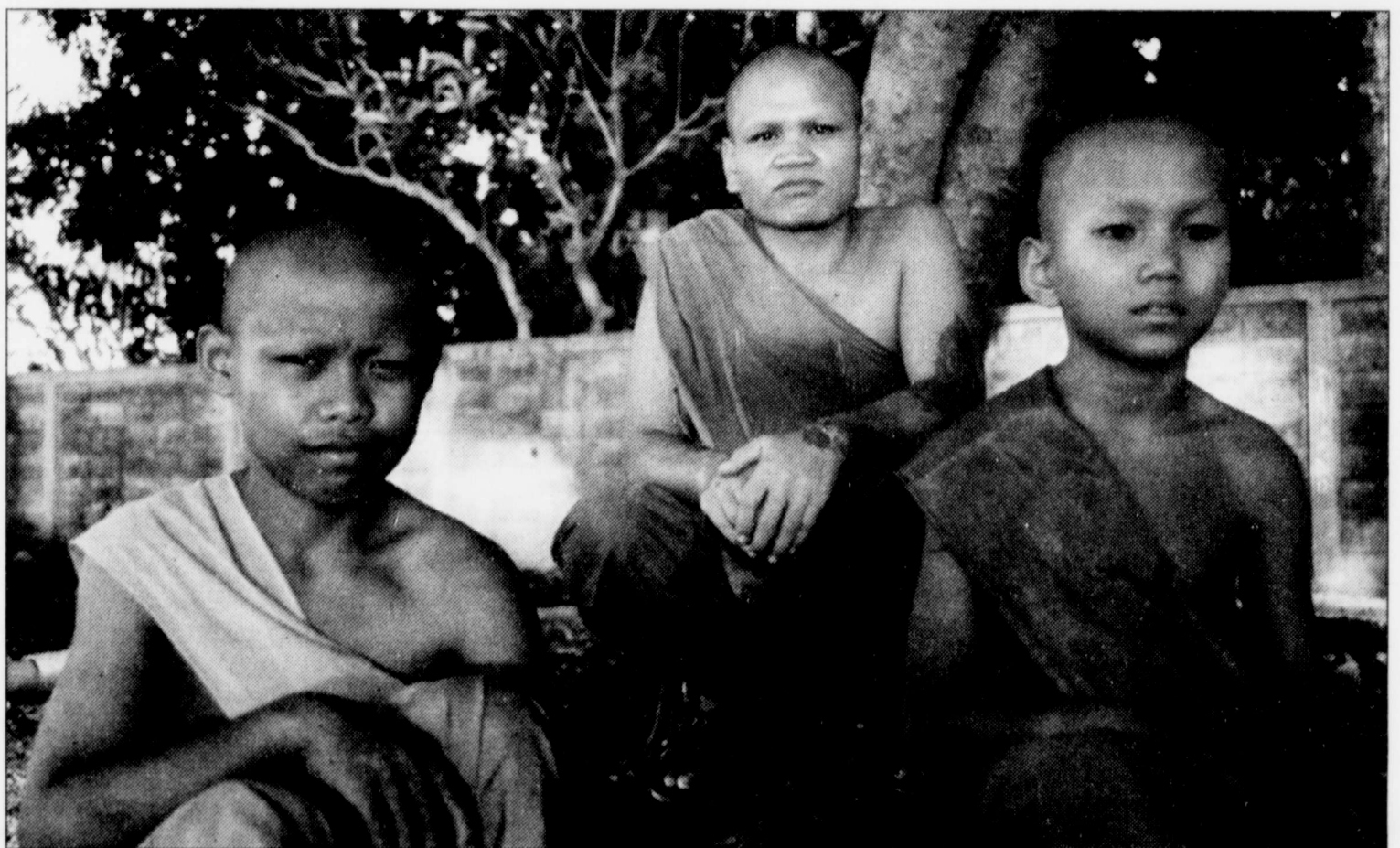
"The little things added up," said business major Nicole Borner. "It's the bad smell of the meat and fish baking under the sun, the people sleeping under the bridges and the general lack of hygiene. It's just so weird to see those kinds of things next to temples that are covered with gold. There's a huge contrast between the wealth and the people on the streets."

Whatever your initial reaction is to the country, it is easy to appreciate its sheer beauty and find something exciting to do. In the southern region, the gulf is dotted with picturesque islands filled with wildlife, waterfalls and forests. White beaches and 80-degree water surround the islands. The coral reefs and crystal-clear water make for excellent snorkeling and diving.

"It was way better than Hawaii," said Hal Billingsley, business senior. "The underwater environment had so many kinds of coral and fish. The islands were unbelievably beautiful. On Koh Tao, looking down at the lagoon looked like a postcard. It was almost surreal."

The islands are also a haven for European backpackers and the famous full-moon parties. As the name implies, the full-moon parties come once a month and take over the islands. Dance music – and everything else you could expect to find at a rave – take over the beaches. Hotels and bungalows are fully booked during these parties.

For those who want to party in the big cities like Bangkok or Chiang Mai, the possibilities are virtually endless. Tourists find bars with bands covering both American and Thai pop songs fairly popular. But the nightlife is just as diverse as that in the states. There is even an Elvis club and a country-western bar in Bangkok.



COURTESY PHOTOS/XAVIER LANIER

Above, three monks watch the sunset on the bank of the Mekong river. Below, a woman wearing traditional Thai dress poses outside of Wat Arun (temple of the rising sun) in Bangkok.

"The nightlife is very wild with a ton of live bands," said Scott Cursey, a social science senior. "People are just free and there are no rules, you can do whatever you want. You can party till six in the morning and wake up on the beach to a Thai massage."

After running out of energy from partying, most young tourists get to do some sightseeing. There are countless ancient cities and other relics scattered throughout the country. The Buddhist temples (Wats) are amazing with extensive detail on every surface. A trip to a Wat can be rewarding to those interested in architecture, religion or Thai massage.

"Thai massage is unique because it's part of tradition and cultural history," said Katy Jercich, a kinesiology sophomore who is experienced in Swedish massage.

On a visit to Wat Pho in Bangkok, a one-hour massage costs less than \$7. Other points of interest include Muay Thai boxing matches, museums and shopping.

Muay Thai boxing is ancient and is one of the country's most popular sports. The crowds at Lumpini stadium in Bangkok cheer with every punch, kick, knee and elbow thrown. While gambling is illegal, hundreds of thousands of dollars are wagered per night on a regular basis at the major stadiums.

Museums in the major cities display art from throughout the country's history as well as contemporary work. But if you want to see something out of the ordinary, a must-see is the Siriraj Hospital Forensic Museum in Bangkok. The



museum showcases specimens of abnormal bodies and conditions including preserved conjoined twins. A human nervous system is also on display. This is definitely not a place for the light-hearted to go.

One thing that almost everyone appreciates is the shopping in Bangkok. Custom-made suits start at \$80.

"The shops were very professional and they know what customer service is," said Borner. "It's something I've never experienced in the states, but here it's really affordable. It's a whole new experience to have three tailors waiting on me and bringing me drinks."

Food and just about everything else is cheap for Americans. Lunch can cost less than 50 cents.

"The food is spicy and you can get an incredible meal right off a street vendor," Borner said. "The nicest Thai restaurants charge less than \$3

per person."

Even though Thailand is halfway around the world from California, a vacation to the land of smiles is affordable considering that the \$700 plane ticket can be your only major expense. Travel within the country is reliable and cheap through the Joint Ticket network of buses and boats.

Once in Thailand, feel free to indulge yourself in all of life's luxuries by getting far more for your money than you could ever dream of in Europe.

Xavier Lanier is currently in Thailand with the Thai Study program. He is working on a photography exhibit that will open fall quarter in the Club 221 Art Gallery in the University Union titled "Thailand: Colors and Contrast." He can be contacted at xlanier@aol.com.

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# This week's issue: Treating a flare-up of senioritis Slack off – you earned it/Don't burn any bridges

It's been four, maybe five (and for some seniors, six or seven) years since they stepped onto campus as freshmen.

At that time, life was good. Life was easy. Every quarter since has gone downhill.

You've worked your tail off, as each quarter came with good intentions and ended with relief. This relief did not come from the fact that you actually passed that useless economics class that for some reason was required by your department, but the fact that it ended and you could relax.

Every quarter is like this. You start with some sort of sick excitement that comes with new classes, and by the end, you're tired of the course, the text and most of all, the stress.

Senioritis isn't a reason to justify missing a class for a trip to the beach. It's a release, and a well-deserved one at that.

Students who have sat through an average 15 quarters of class deserve a break. They've worked hard enough to pass all the general education courses, as well as the department requirements, even the little unknown stinkers that pop up during your final advisement visit, like English 215 (I've never seen so many 22-year-olds in a 200-level class before).

Any students who are at or near the end of their tenure realize they have put in their time, and they should be able to enjoy the last couple months of their careerless lives and be allowed to relax before the ultimate deadline that will force them to grow up, get a haircut and get a real job.

Senioritis is a perfectly acceptable affliction for students who no longer have the desire to sit in a lab or a classroom with windows that line the ceiling and must have been designed with the sole purpose of showing the students the sunlight they're missing.

Most seniors realized that they are running out of time in their college careers to have fun before they have to go to work full time. It is quite possible that this will be the last couple months they have of lackadaisical days with nothing to do. Realizing this, they come to find out that they haven't had many of those days in a long time and therefore start taking them right now before it's too late.

Granted, for most students, these college years have been four or five of the greatest years of their life. At the same time, everyone remembers the pressure that comes along with dead week and the Sunday night before finals. That pissed-off feeling for slacking off at the beginning of the quarter quickly turns into a feeling of not being prepared, then into a feeling of desperation. All those feelings, in turn, make their way into the realm of acceptance, when you try to convince yourself that grades don't matter.

In no way is senioritis an excuse. It is a reason, an extremely valid reason, for the acts of so many students who have served their time and deserve a break before the fall into the real world of corporate ladders.

It is only after an average of 15 quarters, 189 units, a senior project and 10 weeks of slave labor passed off as an internship that you can receive that little piece of paper that says you're smart. So, as a final cry for fun and carelessness, seniors deserve to have the freedom that comes along with college but gets bogged down early because of the work and added pressure. After all the time and money they have put in, seniors deserve to enjoy their last fall, winter or spring before they have to start their real lives, and therefore really won't be able to enjoy it for more than three weeks a year.

Always remember: "C" is for credit. "D" is for done.

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Most of us, no matter what class level, have already had experience with "senioritis" in high school. It's easy to think, "Well, I've already been accepted to Cal Poly. Everyone knows that senior-year grades don't matter anyway."

In the May 14 issue of The Tribune, Jeff Ballinger wrote that even if high school seniors have senioritis, they are still responsible for getting the most out of their education.

This applies to college students as well.

I'm only a junior, but I've already seen symptoms of senioritis among many of my fellow Cal Poly students. In the second half of the third year, even major courses lose their appeal. Electives are next in line of interest, and GE requirements come in at a distant third.

As summer draws near, the urge to slack off gets stronger for everyone. Feelings of burnout are intensified when a relatively stress-free summer vacation is in view. Some professors will even confess that they'd rather be at the beach than giving a lecture.

This is all the more reason to work hard and distinguish yourself from your less-motivated peers.

From the start, we are told that Cal Poly is a challenging school. We are told that we are the best, the brightest, and that going to school here is a privilege. Acceptance statistics consistently show that most students who apply for admission to Cal Poly are turned away.

Going to Cal Poly provides opportunities beyond simply getting a diploma. The funny thing about the university motto, "learn by doing," is that people actually DO it. This is your opportunity to capitalize on someone else's work. Sure, it sounds dorky, but keep an eye out for people learning by doing, and they could probably teach you a thing or two. Use their learning experience as your own. Also, take advantage of those learning experiences to teach others. Staying involved throughout your time here improves your chances of being exposed to a wider range of real-life subjects.

I've established how avoiding senioritis aids in personal growth. For those of you who think more concretely, listen up. Finishing the year strong can only make you look better to potential employers as well. OK, so you might have a job

lined up already. You think, "As long as I graduate, it doesn't matter what my spring quarter grades are." That will probably turn out to be a bad assumption to make. Remember, you can use contacts made at Cal Poly (read: professors who like you) as relevant and valuable resources for jobs present and future.

Listing professors as professional references on a resume certainly looks good to employers, as do sparkling letters of recommendation from some of the most distinguished faculty in the state. Since your resume will have "Cal Poly" on it, cultivating esteemed contacts is important.

This is where the old adage "don't burn your bridges" comes into play. That's the idea here. Just as these professors and members of the administration can help in the job hunt, they could also hinder you. The moment your dream employer calls to check your references is not the moment you want a professor to remember you gave up on the last weeks of your senior year.

Part of the pride inherent in being a student here is the satisfaction of succeeding at a challenging and stimulating university. Being a Cal Poly graduate means you have a certain amount of intelligence and skill.

We all worked hard to get into Cal Poly, and we should work at least as hard to prove that we really deserve to be here.

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"People like you should be excommunicated."



# Plagiarism brings out the child in college students

Cheater cheater pumpkin eater!  
In fourth grade I copied just about all of the report I did on the San Diego Mission from the Encyclopedia Britannica. In eighth grade I borrowed

## Commentary

passages I wrote in a science paper on trees from a reference book at the city library. In 10th grade I turned in a paper the captain of the swim team wrote two years earlier.

This fall I wrote my own media law term paper because I knew better.

College students across the nation are reverting to their childhood days of copying, cheating and plagiarizing, but at a much more expensive price than having to tell Mom and Dad their Indian civilization report is due the next day and they haven't started.

So-called online paper mills that recycle, reuse and renew term papers charge as much as \$35 a page for custom reports at sites like [www.school-sucks.com](http://www.school-sucks.com). Web sites such as these provide students with a quick and easy alternative to putting their own blood,

sweat and tears into a project. Databases with thousands of papers online are easy to access and fast to download. Most of these sites attempt to shirk responsibility for the plagiarism service they offer by stating that they are only quick fixes and should not be used when original work is warranted.

Original work is always warranted.

Of course, it's tempting to turn in one of these easy alternatives. Most professors don't even know my name, let alone my writing style. But the morals instilled in students as children should hold them back from committing such an infraction on today's ideals.

Recently developed software is beginning to make a mark on those students whose morals and ideals are so misguided as to plagiarize something from the Internet, or worse, turn in a complete term paper downloaded from a cheat site.

Professors are using services like [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) to take a digital fingerprint of a student's paper and scan the Internet and the group's own data-

base looking for matches, highlighting passages that match and providing links to the online source, according to a Reuters article published May 13.

A University of California at Berkeley team of professors, led by John Barrie, created the program. Barrie said that hundreds of thousands of papers have already been checked by the program. According to the Reuters article, of those hundreds of thousands, 75 percent came directly from the Internet.

Seventy-five percent is a big number. That means that 75 percent of those students' parents did a bad job teaching their children right from wrong. And what's worse, those 75 percent of students let themselves down by freely plagiarizing someone else's work.

I'm sure it came at some price, though. That old saying, "you get what you pay for," comes to mind. I'm sure most students are disappointed with the quality of work they receive when that download comes over the Internet and into their hot little hands two hours before the paper is due. Which proves that Web sites like [\[ofcheat.com\]\(http://ofcheat.com\) are ripping their customers off by giving them a quick fix and not a final solution.](http://www.house-</a></p>
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A final solution would be to do away with all sources of plagiarism. That would mean discontinuing the CliffsNotes series. I'm sure we've all found ourselves up late at night trying to convince ourselves that how the CliffsNotes passage put it was exactly how we would have said it. Putting an end to plagiarism would also mean barring these Web sites from the Internet, which would be censorship, doing away with solution manuals and threatening raids on all fraternity and sorority houses if they did not destroy their hundreds of test files immediately. While we're putting an end to plagiarism let's also discontinue the publication of all 2nd Edition course booklets, because I can't begin to count how many times students, myself included, have gone to an exam only to find that each test question was strikingly familiar to the one they studied out of the booklet with the answer circled by some student two years ago.

What I'm getting at is that there are many avenues and ways to go about plagiarizing, cheating and borrowing – too many to stamp out so that students may live a life free of temptation and destruction. Plagiarism has been a pillar among the student community for hundreds of years, and knocking it down is no solution. Finding another way around it is.

Do like my friend Scott and wait until the weekend before your senior project is due to actually put a dent in it. Write your own paper two hours before it's due. At least then, it's your own work that you can take pride in. Whether it's a D or an A paper, it's your failure or success and you didn't have to pay \$35 dollars a page for something thousands of students have already turned in. Better yet, stop acting like fourth-graders and do your own work. You should have learned that lesson back in grammar school.

Jennifer Thomson is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Letters to the editor

### Mother's Day ban protected children Editor,

I was disappointed at the lack of compassion on the part of Matt Szabo in his recent commentary ("Mothers deserve a day despite opposition," May 16). Szabo demonstrated a lack of understanding and tolerance for people

whose experiences are different from his own. While he may have been privileged enough to have a mother and a father, other people are not that lucky. The Rodeph Shalom Day School in Manhattan decided to ban Mother's Day and Father's Day in the interests of children who may be lacking a mother or father. The school did not ban the holidays in an attempt to

hurt parents. It banned school celebration of the holidays with the children's best interests at heart.

In a country that has a divorce rate of more than 50 percent, I do not see how Szabo can claim that a family headed by a man and a woman is the norm. Families come in all shapes and sizes. It is not important if a child has both a biological mother and biological father. What is important is that a child has a loving family. According to the commentary, "Banning the holiday is only a short-term solution that will

ultimately hurt the kids who are kept under the illusion that their situation is normal."

Banning school celebration of these holidays spares children who are lacking a mother or a father either through divorce, death or same-sex parents the experience of being the only one in class not making a card. Children don't need a day of craft making. What they need is to learn to be proud of their families and accepting of family structures different from their own.

Standing up for "nontraditional" families is not taking anything away from traditional families. Children are not prohibited from celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day all together; there is simply no school celebration. I doubt very much that children who have mother figures will skip the holiday completely because they weren't given time in class to make a card. I applaud the Rodeph Shalom Day School's decision to be more inclusive of all family structures.

Kristin Carter is a child development sophomore.

### Why not 'Parents' Day?' Editor,

In regards to Matt Szabo's article on Mother's Day ("Mothers deserve a day despite opposition," May 16), he mentioned that the majority of our society is composed of "the traditional family," which is defined as having a mother, a father and 2.5 kids. In 2001, four of six families are composed of one-parent homes in which children have either a mother or a father. In Matt's opinion, it is wrong for Rodeph Shalom Day School to ban holidays, especially Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations. I believe he is heterosexist in that view. I think it was a big step forward going into the new millennium, where a learning institution can be sensitive to the needs of a changing society.

In regard to his insensitive comment about kids with two mothers or two fathers not being the majority, the same goes with kids with a father and mother not being the majority.

So when the elementary schools devote time into making happy Father's Day mugs – or anything else – they are neglecting the fact that there are a good number of kids in the class who don't have a father. In forcing them to be active in the activity, the kids might have sad memories or regrets about their missing fathers.

In conclusion, I think we should have a "Parents' Day" so as a society we don't neglect or lessen anyone's unique family structure.

David Perez is a landscape architecture junior.

### Don't insult the insulted Editor,

I'm writing to Jim Patt's opinion letter ("Ignorant writers miss subtle sarcasm," May 17). Sure, I think most of us found Ryan Miller's column funny, but you should take in consideration that to people who suffer severe allergies, maybe it is not as funny as you think. And to call those people ignorant for expressing discontent for an article, I think is asking for a slap upside your face. My roommate suffers from chronic coughing due to her allergies, which can last all night on bad days. Oftentimes she'll wake up two to three times to go to the bathroom trying to drain her stuffed sinuses out. She'll have class in the morning, but wake up coughing at 6 a.m. and won't even bother going back to bed because she feels it is a worthless effort to try getting sleep in her condition. If I put myself in her shoes, I would give hell for some shmuck to call me "lazy," which probably has nothing to do with my condition.

Jim, I agree that we do need a sarcastic piece of comedy in the paper; it's OK to make fun of some things. But maybe people who submit articles should consider whether the content is appropriate for the audience, including so-called ignorant people who respond to the voice of the paper.

This is the first year I've ever had to deal with spring allergies myself, but I did find the humor in Ryan's column and smiled at his idiomatic remark. But to call someone who has no other way to deal with their allergies but to carry around a roll of toilet paper to wipe their nose (think about it, a six-pack of travel-pak Kleenex is about \$1.69; when you go through three of them in a day, why bother buying them?) by an offensive remark, is utterly uncalled for.

I think I'm not alone on this, but for you, Jim Patt, to call these people idiots, who are just asking for a little more courtesy than to be blamed for disruption in class, is just plain rude, and maybe you're the one who should consider not responding so arrogantly.

Angela Shiraishi is a graphic communication freshman.

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## New music download service offers 'cafeteria-style' buying

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internet media company RealNetworks unveiled a music download service Thursday that could change how consumers think about their song collections.

The company's chairman, Rob Glaser, showed a House Judiciary subcommittee a mock-up of the music industry's for-pay alternative to Napster, whose popular, free swapping of copyrighted songs has been ruled illegal.

MusicNet, set to debut in August, is a collaboration of three of the big five record labels: AOL Time Warner, Bertelsmann AG and EMI Group. It promises a cafeteria-style way of purchasing songs.

A competing service, also set to debut around the same time, has been shown to legislators over the past month. The other two record giants, Universal and Sony, are responsible for that service, called Duet.

The goal is to keep people buying music, but with more variety and control over what they hear, in exchange for a monthly fee.

But Duet and MusicNet may change the way consumers behave in other ways. Both groups have committed to offering only streamed music — which has to be downloaded each time — and "tethered downloads," which have a special license attached to them.

The record labels like this format, since they can keep track of where and when the music is played. That may keep consumers from transferring the songs to a portable player or recording them onto a custom CD.

The demonstration before the intellectual property subcommittee showed that if a person stops their subscription to either service, they may not be able to keep listening to the songs they downloaded. In essence, consumers wouldn't buy music, just rent it.

Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., said that unless the services become more flexible, they may not be able to compete with products like Napster and Gnutella, which offer unlimited file sharing. Boucher said companies won't be able to sue Gnutella like they have Napster since Gnutella has no central services or company.

"That is your best defense to Napster-like peer-to-peer service," Boucher said. "You (now) have a convenient mechanism of being able to sue. You will not have that ability

with the new versions."

Music lovers have already started moving from Napster to Gnutella. A recent study showed that Gnutella use is up 60 percent since early April, while Napster use declined as it was forced to start filtering out copyrighted songs.

Even though almost all the legislators signaled that they are not yet ready to consider legislation, some members wondered whether Duet and MusicNet would harm consumers, since those five record labels represent about 80 percent of songs.

"Is this going to end up as some sort of monopoly control, where the companies you own and partner with will be the only ones who can do this?" Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., asked Vivendi Universal executive Edgar Bronfman, Jr.

"It's difficult to say exactly how it will play out. We are at day one of the Internet as a distribution vehicle," Bronfman said, though adding, "We intend to license our music broadly."

While final details of MusicNet aren't set, users can expect to pay about \$10 to \$15 per month for either a certain number of downloads or more for an all-you-can-download plan, a RealNetworks spokesman said.

MusicNet will be sold to consumers through the RealNetworks site, which holds a controlling 40 percent stake in the venture, and through America Online. Users will be able to find Duet through Yahoo. Both services are looking for more partners.

The process is more complicated than just digitizing the music and sticking it on a Web server. The three companies won't be able to offer full catalogs immediately, since they have to make sure they have rights to put the songs online.

Artists and publishers want to make sure they're compensated for the extra revenue that record labels will make by selling the songs online. To that end, singer Lyle Lovett, representing the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the group that collects royalties for artists, and songwriter Michael Stoller for the publishers made their cases to the House subcommittee.

Even with the copyright hurdles, MusicNet will debut with "tens of thousands" of songs available. MusicNet and Duet representatives are in talks to make their offerings compatible.

## House passes Bush abortion policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Staving off Democratic opponents, the House voted to preserve President Bush's order barring \$425 million in U.S. aid for global family planning from groups that advocate abortion rights.

The provision, which passed 218-210 on Wednesday, was attached to an \$8.2 billion State Department reauthorization bill. Thirty-two Democrats joined Republican supporters in passing the abortion provision, offsetting votes of 33 Republicans who voted against the amendment.

The overall State Department bill — approved later Wednesday by a 352-73 vote — also included an amendment that would withhold about \$625,000 in aid to Lebanon until that country secures its borders with Israel. The Lebanon provision, which passed 216-210, also would direct the president to develop a plan for eliminating millions of dollars in other aid if the Lebanese do not comply within six months.

The abortion provision prompted the most intense debate of the day. At one point, floor leaders extended debate time to accommodate the scores of lawmakers that came to the

House floor.

"It is high time we came to the recognition that abortion is violence against children," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a leading House opponent of the procedure.

Bush implemented the policy in an executive order during his first week in office. But Democrats on the House International Relations Committee included a provision in the committee's version of the State Department bill that overturned the president's order. Wednesday's amendment removed that order.

Democrats attacked the policy as detrimental to international family planning efforts and dubbed it a "global gag rule" that assaults the free speech rights of organizations abroad. They noted that a 1973 federal law already prevents foreign organizations from using U.S. taxpayer money to pay for abortions. Republicans argued that abortion does not belong in family planning discussions.

"I think it is important we not be hypocrites in dealing with this legislation," said Rep. Tom Lantos, D-San Francisco, ranking Democrat on the International Relations Committee. "It is not enough to talk about human

rights and democracy. It is important we practice what we preach" by letting charities carry out their missions as they wish.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the committee's chairman, countered, "Nobody is being gagged. If you want to talk about abortions, talk away. But not on our dime."

President Bush had threatened a veto if lawmakers overturned his policy. Spokesman Ari Fleischer indicated Wednesday that the president could support the overall bill now that the abortion issue is resolved. "Unless there's something else in there, the president will be supportive," Fleischer said. The Senate has not yet considered the measure.

Overall, the bill authorizes dozens of State Department programs for the 2002 and 2003 fiscal years.

In the Lebanese aid amendment, supporters said securing the border is essential to Middle East peace. They expressed worries about attacks on Israel by the guerrilla group Hezbollah, which operates out of Lebanon. Just Monday, the group claimed responsibility for two antitank missiles fired at an Israeli army outpost.

## UC regents reverse admission policy

By S.F. Zook

THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE

(U-WIRE) SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California Regents received a standing ovation from students, teachers and state legislators on Wednesday following their unanimous decision to reverse the system's controversial anti-affirmative action policies.

In the landmark vote, all members of the board supported RE-28, a resolution that repeals the UC's 1995 Standing Policy 1 and 2. Approximately 400 student activists from UC Davis to UC Irvine attended the meeting, both in support of and in opposition to a repeal.

"This day is cathartic for me, I'm glad to see the board come together and do the right thing," said Regent Tom Sayles.

The battle to reverse Standing Policy 1 and 2 continued up until the midnight-hour. Earlier drafts of RE-28 retained the same protocol for admissions as SP-1, which stipulates that 50 to 75 percent of applicants be admitted based solely on grades and standardized test scores. Student Regent Justin Fong's efforts produced the last-minute change in the resolution's language, which called for the complete elimina-

tion of SP-1 and 2.

"This is a huge victory for the University of California and for the state of California," Fong said prior to the board's roll call vote.

However, the repeal is largely symbolic, as the UC system must still comply with Proposition 209, a state law that bans affirmative action practices in public hiring and school admissions. The resolution's intent — and much of the mobilization in support of a reversal — is to send a message that underrepresented students are welcome at the nine UC campuses.

Now, RE-28 will put the responsibility of determining admissions criteria back into the hands of the UC-wide Academic Senate, according to Regent Judith Hopkinson. Moreover, the new resolution emphasizes recruitment and outreach efforts.

Regent William Bagley said RE-28 sent a crucial message that the UC system is not a sponsor of a national movement to eradicate affirmative action.

"We are not presently returning to affirmative action, we are repairing a reputation," he added.

In the future, Bagley added, regents should not use the university for political causes — a comment directed at

Regent

Ward Connerly, who sponsored the UC policies which were the blueprints for Prop. 209, another initiative which he sponsored.

While Connerly supported the resolution, he also expressed his lack of enthusiasm.

"I am not the only one who shares the view that SP-1 was the right thing to do," he said.

"This resolution is not about my convictions, it's a symbol," Connerly added later.

Many regents thanked Connerly for his role in the RE-28 compromise. Some, like Regent Sherry Lansing, said Connerly does not deserve personal attacks because of his position to end racial preferences.

Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh (D-Cudahy) joined state Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, an ex-officio regent, and several other state officials for the board meeting. On Thursday, the state Legislature passed a resolution authored by Hertzberg, urging the regents to rescind SP-1 and 2.

"We are here to rescind SP-1 and SP-2 and to do so clearly and unambiguously," Firebaugh told the regents.

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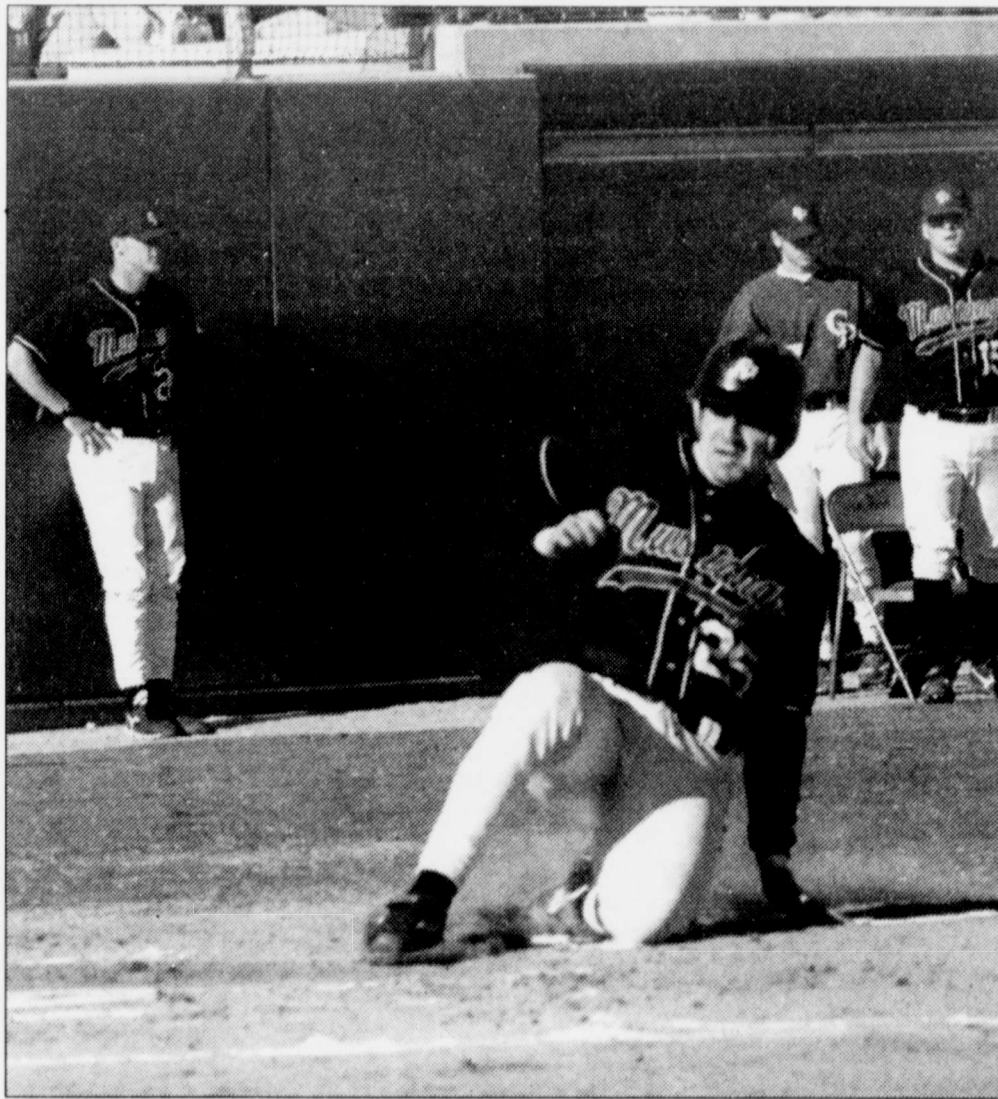
to the hill. Blasdel has given up 15 runs in the last two games. Blasdel did not earn a decision for either game, but the team lost both games. Santa Barbara's starter will be Jim Bullard (7-4, 6.10).

Santa Barbara will look to get the starters out of the game and in to the Cal Poly bullpen as quickly as possible. The bullpen has had its share of problems the last several games, including three blown saves in the last four games.

"Our bullpen is struggling a bit right now, there's no doubt about that," Price said. "It's late in the season and if your arms aren't fresh, you'll run into times like this."

The pitching will be thoroughly tested, with Santa Barbara touting several offensive stars. Infielder Tyler Von Schell has 18 home runs this season and outfielder Ryan Spilborghs is in the midst of a 30-game hitting streak for the Gauchos.

The Mustangs are currently in fifth place in the Big West with a 6-9 conference record. Fullerton is leading the conference at 12-3 followed by Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Cal State Northridge. Last year two teams from the Big



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**Catcher Keith Anderson has gunned out nearly 50 percent of base stealers.**

West advanced to the NCAA playoffs, meaning the chances of Cal Poly making it this year are slim to none. Third baseman Kyle Wilson gave a simple explanation of what the motivation for the team will be this weekend.

"Pride," he said. "We just have to go out against a hot team in Santa Barbara and play for pride."

The series will begin in Santa Barbara Friday at 2 p.m. and will continue with games on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

## A's defeat Yankees to complete sweep

OAKLAND (AP) - With Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Mike Mussina going to the mound on consecutive days, the New York Yankees could not have envisioned getting swept by the Oakland Athletics.

But the Athletics again relied on timely hitting and clutch relief to post an 8-3 victory over the slumping Yankees and complete their first three-game home sweep of New York since August 21-23, 1995.

Facing the team that defeated them in last year's American League Division Series, the Athletics avenged a three-game sweep at Yankee Stadium in late April.

After winning the first two games of the series in extra innings, Oakland broke open Thursday's contest by scoring four runs in the seventh off Mike Stanton and Todd Williams.

In contrast, the Athletics' bullpen was nearly flawless in the

series, allowing only one run and nine hits over 13 innings.

On Thursday, Chad Bradford (2-1), Mark Guthrie and T.J. Mathews combined to give up only one hit over four frames.

New York starter Mike Mussina (4-4) was not sharp, surrendering four runs — three earned — and eight hits over six innings. He also walked four, his most since walking four on June 2, 1999.

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this weekend — the 200- and 400-meter dashes, and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

The sprinter said she feels pretty confident about her chances in the 400, but doesn't know about the rest of her events.

"I feel my chances in the 400 are pretty good since I'm going into the championships with the fastest time," she said. "But I never underestimate my competition. I'm going to have to run my fastest."

At the May 5 Fresno State Tri-Meet, Vessey

improved her best mark of the year in the 200 meter with a first-place time of 24.52 seconds. She also took home first place in her heat at the women's 400 meter at the Mt. SAC Relays in April.

Along with Vessey, Badger has had a great season. Badger took home second in the men's long jump with a personal-best jump of 24 1/4 inch at the Fresno State Tri-Meet. Later at that meet, he earned first place in the triple jump with a new personal-best mark of 52-5 1/4. Badger is also the defending Big West Conference champion in the triple jump.

Blackwell is a distance runner competing in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races.

"I'm thinking about my race a lot," Blackwell said. "I'm trying to get mentally ready for it."

Blackwell said that he is running faster than last year. At last year's Big West Championships, he placed third in the 10,000-meter event with a time of 31:10.88.

Along with placing in the Big West, participants are also hoping to meet composite marks to qualify for the NCAA Championships May 30 to June 2.

Javelin thrower Ryan James has not qualified yet, but said he hopes to this weekend. His best throw this season was 212 feet and the NCAA qualifying mark is 225.

"I'm excited (about this weekend) because I have a chance to do well and maybe go to nationals," he said. "Everything is coming together at the right time."

James took first place in the javelin throw at the Fresno State Tri-Meet with a personal-best throw of 212 feet and 5 inches.

Freshman pole vaulter Jon Takahashi said he is expecting great things from himself and the team this weekend.

**Jon Takahashi**  
freshman pole vaulter

"I think we can sweep pole vaulting. We have three really good vaulters. We've been resting a little this week so we'll be fresh."

Not only are the team members competing for their own personal wins, but also for the overall team win. For each team, points are added up for all members that placed in their individual events.

Last year, the men's team came in second with 155.50 points. The women's team placed fourth with 82.5 points.

Crawford said both the women's and men's team's have the ability to place higher this year than last year.

"A lot of things can happen in a meet environment," she said. "We have the opportunity to move up. It's the unknown things that make such competitions exciting."

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By Michelle Hatfield  
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The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams have a real challenge this Friday and Saturday as they head to the Big West Championships in Long Beach.

Both track teams placed in the top five at last year's Big West Championships, but Cal Poly is not known for its track ability. Usually, universities like Idaho State and Utah State are top finishers, said head coach Terry Crawford.

"It'll be an uphill battle," she said. "We're going to try and knock off some teams — teams that are stronger than us at least on paper."

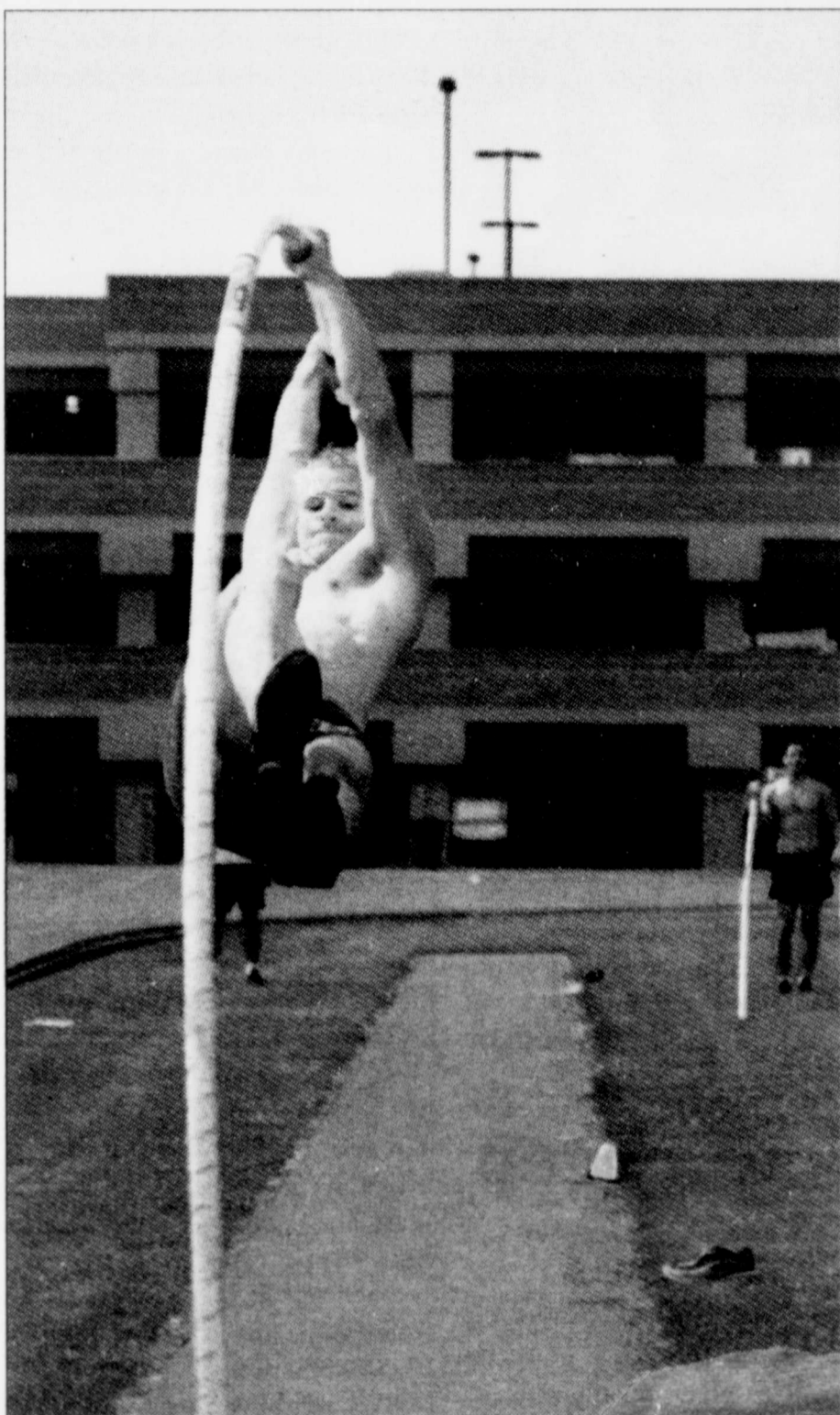
Even though Crawford said the Mustangs are not known as track and field powerhouses, the teams are not giving up.

"We're knocking on their door," Crawford said. "We're not counting ourselves out. We have a lot of good athletes in good positions."

The teams have a lot of depth in some events. Crawford said the Mustangs have the top three pole vaulters and the top two quarter-mile runners in the conference.

Crawford said she expects top performances from key players like junior Andrew Badger, senior Avery Blackwell and freshman Maggie Vessey.

Vessey will run in four events



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Above, freshman Maggie Vessey is one of the top quarter-mile runners in the Big West. Left, senior Joe Koemig is one of three pole vaulters expecting to bring home awards from Long Beach this weekend.

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## Mustangs finish up at UCSB

By Ryan Ballard  
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All good things (and bad things) must eventually come to an end.

This weekend the Cal Poly baseball team will conclude its season with a three-game series at No. 20 UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs (28-25, 6-9 Big West) are trying to get back on the winning track, while the Gauchos (38-13, 11-4) look to continue their hot streak. Last weekend Santa Barbara knocked off

conference leader Cal State Fullerton, winning two of three games.

while Cal Poly was swept by Long Beach State.

The Mustangs are currently riding a nine-game losing streak, dating back to a April 29 loss to Sacramento State. Included in the losing streak are consecutive series sweeps by Fullerton and Long Beach.

Head coach Ritch Price is able to offer little in the way of an explanation for his team's woes.

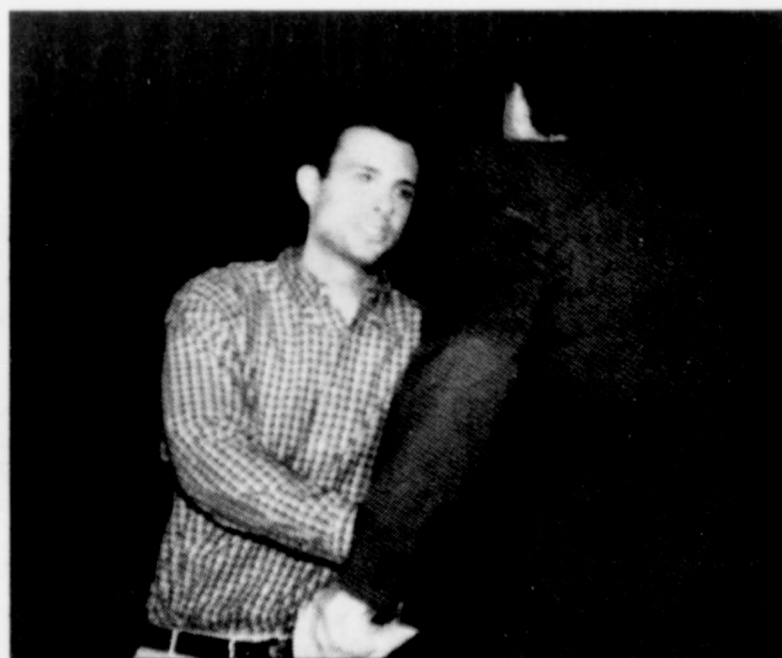
"I've never been involved in a nine-game losing streak before," he said. "It seems like each game we find a different way to lose."

Brian Haskell will get the start for the Mustangs on Friday. Haskell is 3-5, with a 4.90 ERA. He has struggled lately, giving up 16 runs in his last three starts. Haskell's last win came March 23 against Dartmouth. The Gauchos will counter with the ace of their staff, James Garcia. Garcia is 10-1 on the year, with a 2.48 ERA.

Tyler Fitch, Cal Poly's lone starter with a winning record, will take the mound Saturday. Fitch is 5-4, with a 5.50 ERA. Santa Barbara's starter will be Rylie Ogle (9-2, 3.80). Sunday, the Mustangs will send Jared Blasdel (4-5, 5.99)

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## Best of Cal Poly, athlete-style



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Left, men's basketball forward Chris Bjorklund and volleyball outside hitter Melanie Hathaway were honored Wednesday night as 2000-2001 Cal Poly Athletes of the Year. Men's basketball forward Jeremiah Mayes and women's soccer defender Carolyn Schiffner were also honored as Cal Poly Scholar Athletes of the Year.

### Sports Trivia

#### Yesterday's Answer:

The Dodgers have won two games this season in which Gary Sheffield has scored the only run.

Congrats Ray Motta!

#### Today's Question:

Which team drafted current Kansas City Chief quarterback Trent Green?

Please submit sports trivia answer to: [mrsterli@calpoly.edu](mailto:mrsterli@calpoly.edu). Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

### Briefs

#### Strawberry avoids jail time

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry avoided prison Thursday when a judge ordered him back to a drug treatment center for violating probation during a four-day cocaine binge.

"You are at bat in the bottom of the ninth with two strikes against you," said Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster. "You have proven that you are a winner on the field. Now you must prove that you are a winner off the field."

The judge agreed to Strawberry's request to go to a residential drug-treatment center without any gates, locks or fences. He is to serve two years there, followed by a year of probation.

If Strawberry violates his release again, he faces 18 months in prison under the judge's order.

Strawberry showed no immediate emotion to the sentence, while his wife, Charisse, wiped tears from her eyes as she huddled with friends and a relative.

"My reaction is the same as Darryl's," said Joe Ficarrotta, the former slugger's defense attorney. "We are very relieved and very happy with the results we were able to achieve."

### Schedule

#### TODAY

- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara
- at Santa Barbara
- 2 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara
- at Santa Barbara
- 1 p.m.
- Track and field at Big West Championships
- at Long Beach
- all day

#### SUNDAY

- Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara
- at Santa Barbara
- 1 p.m.